Amendments to the Claims

1   Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,

2   comprising steps of:

3   detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has swiped selected an element of a

4   rendered representation of an electronic object;

5   comparing [[in]] a manner in which the swiping was performed, responsive to the

6   detecting, to previously-defined consistent with settings that specify what manner of swiping

7   indicates an are defined to indicate identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined

8   organizing criteria; and

9   storing, if the comparing step determines that the manner in which the swiping was

10   performed is consistent with the specified settings, responsive to the detecting, the swiped

11   selected element in a repository of criteria, such that the stored element can be selected for

12   inclusion in a pattern to be matched against electronic objects usable for organizing the

13   electronic objects.

1   Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step

2   of enabling the user to configure the defined settings.

1   Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping

2   user selection further comprises selection of repeatedly swiping a word, a phrase, or one or more

3   contiguous characters in the rendered representation, and wherein the storing step stores the

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4   swiped word, phrase, or one or more contiguous characters as the ~~selected~~ stored element.

1   Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,

2   or the characters is/are rendered from a text document.

1   Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,

2   or the characters is/are rendered from an e-mail message.

1   Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein:

2   the detected swiping ~~user selection further~~ comprises ~~selection of~~ swiping a portion of an

3   image in the rendered representation; and

4   the storing step stores the swiped image portion as the element; and further comprising

5   the steps of:

6   including the stored image portion in a particular pattern to be matched against electronic

7   objects; and

8   using the particular pattern for organizing the electronic objects, further comprising the

9   steps of:

10   evaluating content of each of the electronic objects with respect to the particular

11   pattern; and

12   including each of the compared objects in a category to which the particular

13   pattern corresponds if the evaluating step determines that the content matches the particular

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14   pattern, including the image portion included therein.

1   Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the detected swiping

2   user selection further comprises selection of swiping one or more words, phrases, or characters in

3   the rendered representation as the element.

1   Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping

2   user selection further comprises selection of swiping a portion of one or more images in the

3   rendered representation as the element.

Claim 9 (canceled)

1   Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of

2   building one or more rules, each rule specifying a pattern that comprises at least one organizing

3   criteria to be matched against electronic objects for organizing the electronic objects, wherein

4   [[using]] the stored selected element is used as [[an]] one of the organizing criterion criteria in

5   [[a]] at least one of the [[rule]] rules that can subsequently be used for organizing stored

6   documents.

1   Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user selected swiped the element [[using]] by moving a

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3   mouse device across the element at least twice.

1   Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user selected swiped the element by moving [[using]] a light

3   pen device across the element at least twice.

1   Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user selected swiped the element [[using]] by moving his or

3   her finger at least twice across the element, wherein the element is rendered on a plasma panel

4   device.

1   Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user selected swiped the element using an audio mechanism

3   by speaking commands in the manner specified in the previously-defined settings.

1   Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user selected swiped the element using a video mechanism

3   by passing his or her eyes repeatedly over the element.

1   Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the settings specify

2   that the element of the rendered representation must be swiped multiple times to indicate the

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3   identification ~~selection of that element.~~

1   Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein[[,]] the storing step

2   further comprises adding ~~responsive to the detecting step,~~ the swiped ~~selected element is added~~

3   to organizing criteria of an index, such that the index thereby becomes adaptive to the user

4   swipings ~~actions~~.

1   Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,

2   comprising:

3   means for detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has swiped ~~selected~~ an element

4   of a rendered representation of an electronic object;

5   means for comparing [[in]] a manner in which the swiping was performed, responsive to

6   the means for detecting, to previously-defined ~~consistent with~~ settings that specify what manner

7   of swiping indicates an ~~are defined to indicate~~ identification of dynamically-identified, user-

8   defined organizing criteria;

9   means for storing, if the means for comparing determines that the manner in which the

10   swiping was performed is consistent with the specified settings, ~~responsive to the means for~~

11   ~~detecting,~~ the swiped ~~selected~~ element in a repository of criteria usable for organizing electronic

12   objects; and

13   means for using the ~~selected~~ stored element as an organizing criterion in a rule, such that

14   the rule can subsequently be used for organizing the ~~stored~~ electronic objects.

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1   Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria for

2   organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more

3   computer-readable media and comprising:

4   computer-readable program code means for detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user

5   has swiped selected an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;

6   computer-readable program code means for comparing [[in]] a manner in which the

7   swiping was performed, responsive to the computer-readable program code means for detecting,

8   to previously-defined consistent with settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an

9   are defined to indicate identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;

10   computer-readable program code means for storing, if the computer-readable program

11   code means for comparing determines that the manner in which the swiping was performed is

12   consistent with the specified settings, responsive to the computer-readable program code means

13   for detecting, the swiped selected element in a repository of criteria usable for organizing

14   electronic objects; and

15   computer-readable program code means for using the selected stored element as an

16   organizing criterion in a rule, such that the rule can subsequently be used for organizing the

17   stored electronic objects.

Claim 20 (canceled)

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